



VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFITS

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides services to the family members of deceased veterans. Benefits include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, death pensions benefits, burial allowance benefits, and burial flags. Veterans and their families are served at regional offices throughout the United States. Staff members may be reached by telephone (1-800-827-1000) to help you with your concerns.

Quick Tips

One of the more difficult tasks a survivor faces after the death of the veteran is completing the numerous claims forms for VA survivors' benefits. The anxiety and fear of the unknown - who to call, what to do, or where to go for help - can be an unpleasant experience. To help ease the burden and to ensure you will have the necessary details for filing a claim, here are some basic quick tips.

Documents Needed:

- a. the veteran's [discharge certificate or DD 214](#)
- b. the veteran's VA claim's number or Social Security number
- c. the veteran's death certificate
- d. Government life insurance policy
- e. a copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees (if any)
- f. a copy of each child's birth certificate (or adoption order)
- g. veteran's birth certificate to determine parents' benefits

For more details on these and further benefits, contact:

<http://www.VA.gov>